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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
(37 CFR 1.63)

As a below inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A MEDIUM COMPOSITION, METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY  
ENHANCING THE ISOLATION OF ANAEROBIC MICROORGANISMS  
CONTAINED IN A MIXED SAMPLE WITH FACULTATIVE MICROORGANISMS**

the specification of which

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was filed on 11/08/2001 as United States Application Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(or PCT International Application and was amended on  
MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of an United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States, § 120 of any United States application(s) or any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, of Federal Regulations Code, § 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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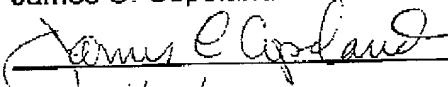
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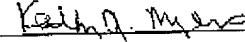
  
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